





Modern legislation seems to be principally run upon the principle of making the most frantic efforts to prevent waste at the spigot, while nothing is done to check the extravagant current which escapes from the bung-hole of the public treasury. Time-serving legislators, in order to make a show of economy that shall be available in the next canvass, will waste days in discussing a proposition to reduce the pay of half a dozen petty employees of the assembly, although the time occupied in the discussion costs the taxpayers more than enough to pay all the employees for half the session. Buncome speeches on the subject of economy, when every minute of the speech costs the people more than ten dollars, may well be classed among these wasteful frugalities which turn off the spigot and open the bung-hole.

The Illinois Legislature, which seems to have among its members so many of this class of economists, recently signaled its stupidity by sending a committee to Chicago to investigate the Pullman Palace Car Company, with a view of ascertaining whether that corporation was not practicing extortion upon the dear people. This committee spent two whole days in looking into the business of the company, and it is fair to presume, mastered all its intricacies in that brief space of time. The result was a firm conviction upon the part of the committee that the rates charged by the company do not yield more than a reasonable interest upon the capital invested. So the "investigation" amounted to nothing, but while the members of the committee were making the most frantic and fantastic efforts to turn off the Pullman spigot, they utterly ignored the continual and frightful waste which is flowing from the bung-hole, left open by their own action. The members betray no desire to grapple with the serious questions that occupy the minds of all thoughtful men at this time—questions that call for earnest and intelligent investigation—but content themselves with futile attempts at reform where it is least needed. The problems which should address themselves to every member of the Legislature to-day are those of revenue reform, the prevention of pauperism, the more certain punishment of crime, the reduction of the number of tax eaters, the lessening of costly litigation, and, in general, the lightening of the burdens which have been fastened upon the people through the influence of the extravagant ideas which have become prevalent of late years. These are questions which call for the most serious consideration upon the part of the members of the general assembly, and until there is an honest effort made to solve them the people will continue to express their dissatisfaction.

## ALWAYS EXPECTED IT.

Years ago—so many that it is dangerous to a reputation for youthfulness to say just how many—the writer of this had a schoolfellow who was a youth of more than ordinary promise. He was a bright-faced, clear-eyed, noble looking lad, who was always jolly, and therefore the pet of the academy. His particular delight was in the literary society, where he was always the most formidable debater, and this somehow led the boys to prophesy for him a political career. He did go into politics to some extent, and we believe he has been in office nearly ever since he attained his majority. But his course has been upward, and the telegraph yesterday brought the news of the confirmation of this same friend of our youthful days—A. Leighton Snowden—as Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia—a position of great importance and high responsibility. Seeing his name in print so prominently brings back pleasant recollections of the days when we puzzled our heads over the intricacies of the Greek verb, or, more satisfactorily, while the summer hours away in careless mood upon the banks of the tortuous Comodoguinot—that crooked and laxest of all the streams of our native valley. Yes, it brings them all back, old friend, and when your new honors found you out, none rejoiced more heartily than the writer of these lines, who, from his humble station in life, sends greeting and congratulations.

There is a man in Dayton, Ohio, who deserves a monument to his memory. He was appointed guardian of a little girl 8 years old, who had \$20,000. Upon arriving at legal age he turned over to her \$40,000, and did not even ask the court to allow him \$20,000 of it for his trouble.

## Comparisons Are Odious.

New York Tribune

He sat in a horse-car and howled for four blocks that he had been robbed of his watch. He was an old person, and seemed to be very much exercised about it; at one time he stepped out on the platform bareheaded and held up his right hand and swore he wouldn't condone it. Several younger persons who got on the car with him assisted in making a great row about the robbery; one of them talked so learnedly about it that the passengers couldn't quite make out whether he was expatiating on the outrage or describing the old gentleman as an escaped gynecologist; they all agreed, however, that it was what they called a "damnsome," and that it never should be condoned. Then a policeman came in, and the old person charged an Ohio gentleman in the car with the theft. The young fellows who had been fumbling round the "stranger" supported the charge, and they all went off to the station-house together.

"Who are these parties? and what's all this row about?" said the magistrate.

"Well, this 'ere old 'un," said the officer, "in 'Sammy the Reformer'; he used to be in with Tweed, Sweeney, and that gang. You may remember, some ten years ago we came near pulling him in with Tweed in the Seymour-Hoffman job, but he got off on an alibi; said he was only a dummy in it. He's been on the Reform lay for a year or two, and claims to be connected with the Society for the Suppression of Vice, though the company he keeps don't look much like it."

"Who are the rest of these fellows?"

"Well, they are all Tweed's old pals. This 'ere high-shouldered fellow with a loose chin always used to testify to testify to Tweed's good character when the old man got in trouble. The black-whiskered fellow lives up the river. He used to help the old man in the Albany business. The other fellow is a kind of a nevy or something to the old party there."

"And the other?"

"Oh! he's a stranger. Never saw him before. He says he's an Ohio man. He's the man those fellows charge with stealing Sammy's watch."

Then Sammy said: "I don't care anything about the watch, but I do want to have stealing stopped and the thieves shown up. Don't ask me to condone it, for I won't do it."

Upon examination the watch which Sammy claimed to have lost was found to have the Ohio man's name on it; and so many passengers testified to seeing the young fellows crowding the Ohio man and trying to pick his pockets, that a lot of them confessed it, but said they thought it was Sammy's watch, and they wanted to get it and restore it to him. And the high-shouldered man, who it appeared was making signs to the other fellows, said he thought it was Sammy's watch, too, but he had no idea of getting it back in that way. He only made signs to the nevy where the watch was, and how carelessly the Ohio man was carrying it, as a sort of danger-signal. Nevy said he understood the signal to mean "go for it," and he went.

"Then it seems," said the magistrate, "that this was only an inchoate offense attempted by these noisy witnesses in the interest of the person who claims to have been robbed. Was this done with your connivance, Samuel?"

"Not at all, I assure you, Judge. Never dreamed of it; never saw any signs pass between these young men; and when I did see them disapproved of them. I had no idea my nevy would do any such thing, for I've told him I did not like it, and when he was caught once or twice before I have shown considerable impatience. He did very wrong. His only excuse was that he thought the gentleman had my watch, which is the fact."

Well, then, as this gentleman very plainly has his own watch, and the attempt to steal it by Sammy's pals—or, as the high-shouldered man calls them, coparceners—was only an inchoate offense, we'll dismiss the case."

"Couldn't you find, Judge," said Sammy, softly, "that as the boys failed to steal the watch the Ohio man must have stolen it? That seems to be a reasonable theory."

"We never do business here in that way."

"What! Never?"

"Well, hardly ever."

"Then," said Sammy, "I desire on this interesting occasion to assert my entire belief, before God and my country, that he's got my watch." And he stepped down, remarking that he would never condone it.

## NORMAN CO. CORRESPONDENTS: All subject

mastered for this column should be addressed to T. R. Brown or Miss M. F. Pullen, Decatur, or J. T. Trainer, New Madrid, Ill.

## Teachers' Meeting.

DECATUR, ILL., Feb. 15, 1893.

The Macon County Teachers' Association met pursuant to a special call at the court house in Decatur, President Trainer in the chair. "Comparative Examinations," the subject taken up first, was discussed. Competitive Examinations were deferred indefinitely, and Comparative Examinations substituted in place. Examinations will be held on Friday, February 24th, 1893. Owing to the fact that teachers fail to keep up correspondence with the Educational Column of the county papers, it was suggested that there be appointed a teacher to send in articles for publication from each township.

Motion to adjourn being in order, the meeting adjourned to meet the 1st Saturday in March. Program for next meeting, same as announced for last meeting.

S. McBRIDE, Sec.

Teachers who are willing to take this work should notify the county superintendent at once, it is necessary to inform the state superintendent of the number of questions needed, since the number printed will depend upon the number ordered. We are of the opinion that every school in this county can make a favorable showing, for the following reasons, viz: The questions are at least "one-half easier" than they were last year; instead of requiring the best twenty-five per cent, as last year, the committee only require the best ten per cent. this year. Again, the county schools are only to be examined in arithmetic, through percentage, spelling, letter writing, common things, and a very simple language lesson.

Suppose your school numbers thirty pupils on the day of examination, ten per cent. of this number will require you to return but three papers from each topic. If there is a school in Macon county that cannot show at least three neatly written papers, we would be glad to learn of its "whereabouts." If your teacher will insist on this very necessary work, will not you, as direct, say that your immediate school shall be examined and give your teacher the privilege of retaining all papers if he is unwilling to have the work of his pupils sent to Springfield for the inspection of the committee? No awards are to be given, no prizes are to be distributed—only a simple comparative examination is all that is required.

Thus far we only have the names of fourteen teachers who are willing to encourage their pupils in this direction.

## SPECIAL INVITATION.

Call at our drug store and get a trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, free of charge, if you are suffering with a cough, cold, asthma, bronchitis, hay fever, consumption, loss of voice, tickling in the throat, or any affection of the throat or lungs. This is the great remedy that is causing so much excitement by its many wonderful cures, curing thousands of hopeless cases. Over one million bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery have been used within the last year, and have given perfect satisfaction in every instance. We can unhesitatingly say that this is really the only sure cure for throat and lung affections, and can cheerfully recommend it to all. Call and get a trial bottle free of charge, or a regular size for \$1.00.

H. H. HARRIS &amp; SWEARINGEN.

MAJOR MILLER, of the Tuscola. Review, still persists that his fears that Grant will become "dictator, emperor, king or something of that sort" over this country, are well grounded, and he fortifies his belief in addition to quoting the Irish World, by referring to "a well-informed and usually correct and reliable correspondent of the Missouri Republican," who refers to a scheme to enroll the late soldiers and sailors of the Union and the confederacy into an organization called the Loyal Legion. The Major is certainly to be pitied. We suppose he can't help it. But how supremely silly is all this talk about imperialism in this country. Major Miller may be honest in his fears, but he is the victim of his own intellectual stupidity or imbecility. The idea that any man or set of men could erect an imperial throne in America is too absurd to think about. The victims of such a delusion ought to be sent to a lunatic asylum—whether they may be those who propose or those who fear such a thing.—Decatur Commercial.

## Nerve Inquietude and Its Remedy.

Restless nerves, at least those that are constantly so, are weak ones as well. The true way to tranquilize them thoroughly is to strengthen them. It may be, nay, it very often is necessary to have recourse to a sedative or even an opiate, in dangerous cases of inquietude, but the continued use of such unwholesome palliatives, is greatly to be deprecated. Though not, in a restricted sense, a specific for nervousness, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is eminently calculated to allay and eventually overcome it, a fact which the recorded experience of many goes to substantiate. This inestimable tonic, by promoting digestion, assimilation and secretion, touches the three key notes upon which the harmony of all the bodily organs depend, and the result is that the stores of vitality are diffused through the system, of which the nerves receive their due portion, and grow tranquil as they gather strength.

## Becklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all kinds of Skin Eruptions. This Salve is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every case or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Hubbard & Swearingen, Decatur.

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For Rent.—An office room over my store, formerly occupied by the late Dr. McMillin. Inquire of Theodore A. Gehrmann.

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## AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

Will Probably be made Necessary by the Democrats.

## The Potter Committee.

AND THE FRAUD IT IS UNEARTHING.

ELECTION OF ZACK CHANDLER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—It is the purpose of the Democratic leaders to push the Legislative Appropriation bill through the House at to-night's session, and to engraft upon it amendments repealing the jurors' test oath, the Supervisors of Election law and the section in the Revised Statutes relating to United States Marshals at elections. The attempt to put these amendments upon the Legislative bill will lead to a big political discussion, and will virtually decide the question of an extra session. The Democratic leaders in the House have resolved to put political legislation upon the Appropriation bill, regardless of the recommendation of the Senatorial Democratic caucus, that it is inexpedient to attempt it. If the House Democrats act together, and stand firm, the Legislative bill will fail, and an extra session of Congress will be made necessary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Mr. Morrill moved to reconsider the vote by which the House bill was passed to authorize the issue of certificates of deposit in aid of refunding the public debt. Agreed to. Mr. Morrill then submitted an amendment providing that the money received from them shall be applied to the payment of bonds bearing interest at the rate of not less than 5 per centum per annum, instead of to 5-20 bonds only, which bear six per cent., as at first authorized. The amendment was agreed to, and the bill was passed.

After the morning business, consideration was resumed of the bill to amend the Internal Revenue laws, and Mr. Matthews spoke in favor of his amendment, offered last night, to tax tea 10 cents per pound and coffee 2 1/2 cents per pound. The amendment was rejected—yeas, 4; nays, 57. Those voting in the affirmative were Allison, Booth, Matthews and Saunders.

The question then occurred on taxing coffee 2 1/2 cents per pound. Rejected without division.

The Potter Committee met to-day, and resumed the examination of Thomas C. Dunn, of the South Carolina Returning Board. He said that Solomon represented that there was an agent of Tilden in Columbia (Smith Wood) for the purpose of using money, if needed, to secure the electoral vote. Don't think it was possible to count in Chamberlain and Tilden, though it was impossible to say what that count might do. Solomon wanted the board to certify as the court directed. He never named a price. When he came, at first, he said he was authorized to use \$100,000, if necessary.

The President has nominated William Garvey, of Ohio, Indian Agent for the Nevada Agency.

Subscriptions to the 1 per cent. Government loan, since yesterday's report, aggregate \$1,605,900.

HARTFORD, Feb. 18.—The House to-day unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that the proposed law restricting Chinese immigration is in flagrant violation of a sacred and honorable treaty, and wholly inconsistent with the principles and traditions of our Republic and with the broad principle of human freedom, and it is the earnest hope that its provisions may never disgrace our national statutes.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—In the House of Commons, Sir George Campbell, member of the Kirkcaldy district, will move on Tuesday next that the summary prohibition of the importation of cattle from the United States is calculated to destroy an important trade and to deprive England of the advantages of cheap meat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The Chronicle has an editorial this morning animadverting severely on the action of the Government in leaving Alaska without protection, and on the fact that there is not a single man of war on this station available for a cruise to Sitka.

The Record-Union this morning compares the unsettled condition of Indian affairs in Alaska with the peaceful status under the Russians, and attributes the disturbances in a great measure to the traders, who sell liquor to the Indians. It is suggested that the Government institute an inquiry into the cause of the troubles.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 18.—The election of a United States Senator, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. I. P. Christiancy, took place at Lansing to-day, the two houses voting separately, and the ballots resulting in the election of Zachariah Chandler by the following vote: Z. Chandler (Republican), 88; O. M. Barnes (Democrat), 22; Henry Chamberlain (Greenbacker), 18.

ATLANTA, Feb. 18.—A railroad disaster occurred near Selma to-day. A passenger train from Selma to-day, the Selma, Rome & Dalton Railroad fell through a rotten bridge over Malberry creek. One white man, named George Evans, and four negroes were killed. Superintendent Stanton and Conductor White are fatally injured, and ten or twelve persons severely injured. The train is a perfect wreck.

Elroy, formerly of Ironside, Cook county, Ill., where his parents still reside, was sentenced yesterday to be hanged May 26 for the murder of Henry Stutzman on the 7th inst. McElroy claimed that he acted in self-defense, but the evidence was so strong against him that he several times barely escaped mob violence. He was convicted and sentenced within ten days of the commission of the crime.

THE latest prison romance comes from Connecticut. Fourteen years ago one Charles Gilbert was sentenced to prison for life for the murder of Henry Cadwell, in New Britain. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence; and, although he could have taken advantage of evidence tending to prove an alibi, he did not, and his strange conduct had some influence in securing his conviction. Gilbert's father died last October, and it has lately come to light that the prisoner has declared that the death of his father has removed an obligation of secrecy that he put upon himself at the time of his trial, and that his father was really guilty of the crime for which he, the son, has been convicted. Neither at the trial, nor since, he says, could he tell the truth without disclosing facts that would put the rope around his father's neck. His story of the murder committed by his father is believed by those familiar with the case, and the prisoner's statement is now before the Legislative Committee on Pardons.

DR. PETER COOPER has very successful birth-days. The degree conferred on him on Wednesday was done to a slight extent in the dead languages, and he was quite enthusiastic over it. "The Latin writing on the document," he said, looking eagerly through his spectacles at it, "is all Greek to me. I dare say it's well enough." And the company clapped their hands and said one to another that he was getting young again.—Buffalo Express.

SHADES and fixtures at Ashby's. 1133dw1

## AT THE TABERNACLE.

THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS.

Wednesday, Thursday &amp; Friday.

FEBRUARY 19, 20 AND 21.

## A GRAND FAIR.

—AND—

## FESTIVAL!

—FOR THE—

## BENEFIT OF THE HOSPITAL.

At which time the following articles will be disposed of:

An Elegant Silver Tea Set.  
A Gentleman's Dressing Gown.  
A Handsome Carriage Robe.  
A Pair of Cushions for an Engine.  
And a great number and variety of other useful and ornamental articles.

## DINNER AND SUPPER.

Will be served; also,  
Oysters, Ice Cream and Refreshments.

Fair to commence at 7 o'clock each evening.  
GENERAL ADMISSION, 10 CENTS.  
1/2 Price by the Decatur Brass Band.  
Feb. 17-19

## PARTNERSHIP DISSOLUTION.

THE partnership heretofore existing between James A. Head and John F. Miller is this day dissolved by mutual consent. James A. Head assuming all claims against the said firm of Head & Miller, and collecting all bills due them.  
JAMES A. HEAD,  
JOHN F. MILLER.

## Election Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE citizens, legal voters, of the city of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, that the

## ANNUAL CITY ELECTION

For said city will be held at the Neptune House, in the first ward; B. Hill's Carpenter Shop, in the 2d ward; Rescue House, in the 3d ward; County Clerk's office, in the 4th ward; Eldorado House, in the 5th ward, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 4th, 1893.

To elect one Mayor, one Treasurer, one Marshal, one Surveyor and Engineer, and one Alderman in each ward.  
The polls will be opened at 8 o'clock A. M. and kept open until 7 o'clock P. M. Given under my hand this 15th day of February, A. D. 1893.  
GEO. P. HARDY, City Register.  
Feb. 16-did

## NEW Furniture Store!

Edward Huston

HAS OPENED, IN THE

OLD REVERE HOUSE BLOCK,

A full stock of New and Second-hand

## FURNITURE!

STOVES,

TINWARE, &amp;c.

All of which will be sold exclusively for CASH at the very lowest prices. One price for cash. I will also buy Second-hand Furniture and Stoves, or exchange new goods for the same.  
Call and see me.  
Feb. 20, 1893—dw1w

**HAYS & BARTHOLOMEW,**  
NO. 25 WATER STREET.

**JOHN ZELLER,**  
**BUTCHER AND PACKER!**

And Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

**Fresh and Salt MEATS!**

Also—

**All Kinds of SAUSAGE**

73 North Water St.,  
DECATUR, ILL.

Jan. 13 d1mo

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**SINGER SEWING MACHINES!**

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In fact, everything for any kind of Sewing Machine.

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Jan. 10, 1893—dw1w

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Look at the Wonderful

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**SEWING MACHINES.**

At our salesrooms, No. 70 West Washington street, Indianapolis, or at our various agents throughout the West. Our new improved machine is the perfection of machinery for sewing, and is more wonderful than the sewing machine first invented by Mr. Howe. Examine it, and we will assure it will please you. Remember that we do not build an inferior quality of cheap goods, but each machine we turn out is a standard article and will be worth its price. The perfect excellence to the new improved machine, its simplicity of construction, symmetry of form, beauty of finish, rapidity and accuracy of operation, and its durability. Ask every agent for the NEW IMPROVED HOWE MACHINE, and do not take any other. AGENTS WANTED.

For particulars, address THE HOWE SEWING MACHINE CO., Indianapolis, Ind.

**J. R. RACE & CO., Agents,**  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

Jan. 21, 1893—d1mo

**MASTER'S SALE.**

STATE OF ILLINOIS, 1st Circuit.  
Macon County, 1st Civil Court.  
Sidney A. Bonstedt vs. William D. Public.  
Foreclosure No. 10720.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in pursuance of a docketed order entered in the above entitled cause in said court, on December term, A. D. 1892, John A. Brown, Master in Chancery for said court, on Saturday, the 8th day of March, A. D. 1893, at the hour of two o'clock P. M. of said day, shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the west door of the Court House in Decatur, in said county, the following described real estate situated in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, to-wit: Lot No. 15, in Block No. twenty-two (22), in said city of Decatur, Illinois, as shown by the recorded plat of said addition to said town, together with all and singular the tenements and hereditaments thereto in anywise belonging, said premises will be sold subject to redemption.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 15th, 1893.  
JAMES A. BROWN,  
Master in Chancery for Macon county, Ill.  
P. H. TAYLOR, Solicitor for Claimant.  
Feb. 14—dw

Query—Why will you smoke a poor 5-cent cigar when you can get "Kepler's Queen," warranted 18 cents fine, for the same money?

[April 11, 1893]

**BLENZ & CO.**  
OPERA BLOCK  
**MEAT MARKET.**

MEMBER JAMES AND MART BLENZ have purchased the meat shop of Grifflin & Bailey, opera block, and are prepared to furnish the public with the very best of Fresh MEAT, PORK, SAUSAGE, &c. Their motto is: "Choice meat, full weight, low prices. Give them a call."

**AGENTS WANTED!**

In every city and town throughout the North and Western States, to sell our

**Teas, Coffees, Spices and Groceries.**

**LIBERAL INDUCEMENTS.**

**HONG KONG TEA COMPANY.**  
110 & 112 Madison Street.  
Feb. 7—dw

At Cost!—As I intend changing my location in business I will sell my entire stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc. at actual cost, for 30 days only.

Feb. 8, 1893 dw4 A. P. JENKINSON



CITY DEPARTMENT.

LETTERS list to-day.  
More weather every day.  
Funeral prayer meetings this evening.  
Furnish business is still a little slow on all the roads.

HAVE your furniture repaired at Howard & Ferguson's.  
The late cold snap has operated as a hindrance to business in the manufacture of eggs.

Don't fail to see the art illustrations at the opera house to-night.

Another flurry of "Beautiful Snow" this morning.

All kinds of upholstering done at Howard & Ferguson's.

The street cars commenced running yesterday.

The beautiful snow has been more of a reality than a myth for the last few days.

The salary of the United States Minister to Berlin is \$17,500.

Unsolvent done right at Ashby's.

The Sisters' three days fair and festival opens at the tabernacle to-night.

The genuine Reynolds saved cured him at Home's grocery. Hams divided when desired.

FURRY FEATHERS for sale at Linn & Scruggs.

"Hot Italy Band" will play for Eldorado No. 2's masquerade ball on Friday night.

FURNISH the masked ball at Breneman's hall on Monday night.

Every variety overhauled, self-acting; sandals, clogs and rubbers for gents and ladies, at Fort's Shoe Store.

Feb 17-dwif.

The White Sewing Machine for sale at Ashby's. Don't buy any other till you have seen it and compared the working of it, and price.

MAKING Seamless Side-lace Shoes, for Ladies, at Fernie's. Perfect fitting, no seams, and consequently no ripping—unlike any other style, for \$2.50.

Feb 18-dwif.

WE ARE now able to supply the demand for a good, solid, serviceable and neat walking shoe for \$1.00. Call and see them, at Barber & Baker's.

Feb 11-dwif.

THE LAUX Brothers not only know how to run a hotel, but they have a fine bus and carriage line running from their hotel to the depot, and to all parts of the city.

ALL grades of tea and coffee at bottom figures, at Niedermeyer's; also the best brands of baking powder, either in boxes or in bulk.

HOLIDAYS OVER and now to business. E. B. Pratt, North Church street, will give in exchange for corn, oats, wood, pork, beef, and country produce, groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes, ready made clothing, harness and hardware.

Jan 10-dwif.

PHOT. LEONARD's class reunion, at Concordia Hall last night, was not as largely attended as was anticipated, owing to numerous attractions at other places; but the occasion was one of immense enjoyment to all present, just the same. The party separated for home at 1 a. m.

As I am going out of the saloon business on the 10th of March next, I will sell what liquors I have now on hand at half price.

EDWARD HUTTON, Jan 15-dwif.

OLD REVERE HOUSE.

THE interest in the revival at Stump's Chapel was greater last night than any evening hitherto. Dr. Beck preached a thrilling sermon. Service to-night at 7 o'clock. Everybody welcome. Come promptly.

DECATUR has a population of about 12,000 souls. As shown by the report of the finance committee published yesterday, our city owns real estate and personal property to the value of \$163,995; total liabilities, \$99,999.50; cash in hands of treasurer and resources, \$60,118.67.

COAL COAL!—ANTHRAHITE and BITUMINOUS.—Orders left at the Furniture Salesroom, Water street, will be promptly attended to. Yard adjoining the Furniture Factory. J. H. VERNERHOLZ.

Jan 20-dwif.

AN encouraging feature of the Church of God (Bethel) congregation is its steady growth. A good feeling prevailed in the meeting last night. One person made a profession of faith in Christ, and another rose for prayers. Service this evening at the usual hour.

EDWARD HUTTON, in the old Revere House Block, east side of the Park, will pay the highest market price for second-hand stores and furniture, or will exchange new goods for the same. Give him a call.

Jan 11-dwif.

DURING the meetings held at the Universalist Church last week also persons came forward and united with the church.

At the close of the meetings on Sunday evening the interest manifested was such that the pastor has concluded to continue the meeting next Sunday morning and evening. Subject in the evening: "Is there an eternal Hell?" Text: "Where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." All are cordially invited to attend.

Another Carload of these choice Michigan apples received to-day at YOUNG BROS.'.

THIRD WARD.—If I. W. Ehrman will consent to be a candidate for alderman in the third ward, he will be supported by MANY VOTERS.

TRY that famous Summer Bologna Sausage for family use, prepared and sold only by J. Imboden & Son.

Feb 11-dwif.

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BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

An exceedingly pleasant surprise occurred at the residence of Hon. J. R. Gorin, on Prairie street, last night. The party was given in honor of Mrs. Gorin, whose 55th birthday anniversary occurred yesterday. Among those present were the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Millikin, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Haworth, Mrs. J. G. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Packard, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Armstrong, Mrs. Wm. T. Stamper, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Mark, Mrs. A. E. Kinney, and Lieut. and Mrs. O. B. Gorin. An elegant supper was served at 9:30, and the remaining hours before 12 were passed in pleasant reminiscences, in which all engaged. The occasion was a very happy one, the "old folks" vying with each other in demonstrations of jollity. Mrs. Gorin received a very beautiful basket of flowers from Mrs. L. L. Haworth, as a slight token of her regard. The party met at the home of Mr. W. C. Armstrong.

KING KOMICAL'S LEVER.—King Komical, the merry old soul, will hold a grand public reception at Breneman's Hall on Monday evening next, and all his subjects, of both sexes, from all the wards of the city, as well as the surrounding country, are cordially invited to be present. As it is his royal pleasure Prof. Goodman's orchestra will dispense the music, and the King promised to lead off with the Queen of the Sandwich Islands, in the grand march "Rescue Hose Co. No. 1" will receive the company, and will exact \$1.00 from gentlemen, and 25 cents from ladies, as admission fee.

REV. DR. GOODWIN AT THE TABERNACLE.—At the tabernacle on Saturday evening Rev. Dr. Goodwin will deliver the principal address of the evening. The doctor has spoken once or twice before at the tabernacle on the temperance question greatly to the acceptance of all, and there will be a general desire to hear him on Saturday night. A crowded house may be looked for.

A NEW BAKERY.—Mr. Jos. McCrary, who has lately returned to this city from Kansas, has started a bakery on South Main street, in the building recently occupied by Toby Koelmeel as a saloon, where he will be prepared to furnish all kinds of bread and pastry of a superior quality. Mr. M. has furnished us with samples of his first batch of bread, which we pronounce first-rate.

THE ART EXPOSITION.—A large audience of the best people in the city attended the art illustrations at the opera house last night, and all were delighted with the magnificent views presented, including the most interesting landscapes of Italy, with the principal cities, cathedrals, and other buildings; also views of the finest statuary in the world. To-night the views presented will comprise the Paris Exposition. There should be a crowded house.

GREAT POPULARITY.—Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extracts, Nectarine, Rose, Lemon, etc., have been gained for themselves, on their own merits, an extensive sale. Their great popularity is mainly due to the using of the purest and best materials, with special reference to their healthfulness.

IN DENANCE VIK.—Yesterday afternoon Sheriff Foranster arrested William Ward, at a house just east from Mr. Gil-land, and brought him to town on a capias issued by virtue of an indictment found by the last grand jury, charging said Ward with disturbing a religious meeting. He was committed to jail to await an examination.

U. B. CHURCH.—Last night the services at this church were attended by a large congregation. Rev. A. H. Chittenden, the pastor, preached a brief discourse, which was followed by a season of prayer. Services again to-night, to which everybody is invited. The uncle of the pastor, who has been preaching for the three evenings preceding last night, will return on Friday, and remain over the Sabbath.

MORE HORSES WANTED.—More horses wanted for the Eastern market, by E. B. Pratt, 37 North Church street, Decatur, Ill. Must be young, sound and in good flesh, weight from 900 to 1200 pounds, and good drivers—matched pairs preferred—for which the highest market price will be paid. I will be at Culp's farmers' wagon yard, west of the jail, from 10 to 4 o'clock each day, Feb. 19, 20, 21, 22 and 24, to purchase.

THE DELICATE MEMBRANE which envelops the lungs, and lines the air passages, is exceedingly sensitive, and a slight irritation of it increases and spreads very rapidly. Remembering this, use, if you are attacked by a cough or cold, this incomparable pulmonary and preventive of consumption, Dr. HALL'S BALM FOR THE LUNGS, which invariably gives speedy relief, and ultimately effects a complete cure in all cases where the breathing organs are affected. Use it in time and prevent serious bronchial trouble. Sold by S. M. Irwin, the Live Druggist.

Feb 15-dwif.

GRAND UNION CONCERT.—The grand union concert we announced last week will be given in the tabernacle, Saturday evening, March 8th. With a chorus of 150 voices under the direction of S. M. Lutz. The chorus will be composed of singers from the neighboring towns assisted by a large class of the leading singers of Decatur. The T. W. & W. Ry. Co. have kindly consented to carry the singers and persons who wish to attend the concert for one and one-half fare, and also to run an extra train west, leaving Decatur at 10:30 p. m. as far as Illinois, for the accommodation of singers and visitors. This will be a grand jubilee for the singers, and, we have no doubt, a rich treat for the music-loving people of Decatur.

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THE STATE FAIR.

Will be Held in Springfield for the Next Two Years—A Wise Decision.

The State Board of Agriculture met at the capital city yesterday and decided to hold the State Fair for the next two years at Springfield. The competing cities were Bloomington, Jacksonville and Moundville, Peoria failing to show up. The matter was decided by the following vote:  
Springfield..... 19  
Bloomington..... 8  
Jacksonville..... 2  
Moundville..... 1  
The citizens of Bloomington had taken a lively interest in the subject, and had raised \$6,070 with which to bait the state association, and T. D. Hartman presented the claims of that pretentious city in the highest terms; but all for naught. Then came Jacksonville, with its delegations of 25 officers and directors of the Morgan county agricultural society, and bombastic speeches by Hon. W. P. Callon, H. L. Clay, Geo. N. Loomis and others. For Moundville McCutcheon and Lewis stood up and sat down again.

The location of the State Fair at the capital was a very wise act on the part of the state board, and will meet with the heartiest approval of the citizens in this part of the state. Springfield is a convenient place, has fair hotel accommodations, and the objects of interest there are additional attractions that will not be overlooked by the visitor. There is no denying the fact that Springfield is a frightfully muddy hole, but the papers of that place are agitating the matter of improving the streets, and in case this matter receives the attention its importance demands, one of the most serious objections to the location of the State Fair at that point will be wiped out. It would not hurt Springfield to buy a controlling interest in the Decatur gravel bank.

AN HISTORIC CHAIR.

EDITORS REPUBLICAN.—Having placed on exhibition during the Grand Fair for the benefit of St. Francis Hospital, a chair owned by me, which was years ago a favorite resting place for Abraham Lincoln, I have been requested by the good lady managers to give the reminiscences associated with the same, which may not be uninteresting to your readers. The chair was owned by Mrs. Carothers, well-known in Illinois as a political writer and editor of a Whig paper in Danville, in this State many years ago. My acquaintance with her was but brief, and arose in a business transaction with her son-in-law and daughter in 1865 in Terre Haute, Ind., with whom she was living shortly after the assassination of Mr. Lincoln. The parties removing from Terre Haute, the old lady presented me, as a keepsake, the seatless frame of the chair, which, by the way, is a model of comfort. "That chair," she said, "Mr. Lincoln called my 'leanback friend,' and was a great favorite of his. He made his home almost at my house, when in Danville; always came and went as one of the family when attending court and making political tours through that place. It made no difference how long the interval between his visits; on entering the house and saying 'Howdy,' he would seek for and soon possess his favorite. He seemed to be indelibly associated with our home, as one of us. You may be sure he monopolized it while with us."

After a moment's silence, during which the aged lady seemed to be recalling incidents of the past to her mind, she burst out in a very hearty laugh. "Ah, I never will forget how odd he looked that time, for I had closed the house; it was the year he ran for Congress, I think," she said, "I had closed up the house, and went out to spend a very hot afternoon. On my return in two or three hours after, when I got in sight of my little cottage I discovered the front window open. The front door was locked. Before the window was a large rose bush. I hurried along, excited at seeing the window open. When I got nearer I discovered a pair of long legs away out through the window and over the very top of the rose bush. A loud laugh from within was not necessary to tell me the owner of the legs. I knew who owned them as soon as I saw them," said she. "How'd'y?" "How'd'y?" Here I have been," said Mr. Lincoln, "for two long hours, with my 'lean back friend.'" The story as told me by her.

Yours, L. F. Muzzy.

OBITUARY.

On the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 18th, Mrs. BERNIA HAMMER, wife of William Hammer, departed this life at her home in this city, aged nearly 60 years.

Deceased was born in Cumberland Co., Penn., March 1, 1819; on March 10, 1846, she was married to Mr. William Hammer in Franklin county, Penn.; and in the spring of 1868 she, with her husband, came to this city, where they have resided most of the time since. Mrs. H. had been in feeble health for about two years, and for the last two months had been confined to her bed most of the time. Her complaints were such as brought to her a large share of physical suffering, which she bore with remarkable patience and fortitude. Mrs. H. was a Christian woman of consistent walk, carrying her religion with her into all the relations and walks of life. She leaves a husband and one son (D. F. Hammer) to mourn her departure.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (Thursday) morning, at the Bethel, on North Water street, at 9 o'clock. Revs. E. Gregory and W. A. Covert officiating. Friends are invited. The remains will be taken to the Bolling Springs Cemetery for interment.

CLOTHES THE NAKED.—The Y. M. C. A. are in need of more second-hand clothing to clothe the deserving poor under their charge. Charitable people are requested to leave all such garments at the rooms of the association. Hours, 8:30 to 9:30 A. M. and 4 to 5 P. M.

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LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Post-office, at Decatur, Macon Co., Illinois, Feb. 13, 1878.

Anderson Mrs S  
Barnes A J  
Bradley A W  
Brown Calvin  
Brown Geo W  
Cline John H  
Clark Miss Katie  
Canaday Merium  
Dolan Miss Maggie  
Grubbs L Housley  
Greene B R  
Keely Mrs Kate  
Lay Joseph  
Letherwell Miss M  
McNutt David  
McCollum Mrs R  
Niebauer Miss Mary  
Robinson C F  
Roosgrants H H  
Shannon Abner  
Shannon Michael  
Stockberry Joseph  
Smith Mrs Maria B  
White Joseph  
Wheeler James  
Zutter Barnell

Wholey James  
R. P. LITTLE, P. M.

Ladies, Take Notice!—We have just received and placed on sale the largest, best and cheapest stock of Ladies' walking shoes ever offered in this market.—You are respectfully invited to call and examine quality and price.

Feb. 11-dwif BARBER & BAKER.

Howard & Ferguson make the best mattresses, of all kinds, in the city.

Feb. 10-dwif

It will pay you to call and see the bargains left in jewelry, etc., at J. L. Kuleper's, 26 Merchants street, one door north of old stand.

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If you want your furniture made as good as now, call on Howard & Ferguson.

Feb. 10-dwif

For Sale Cheap, for cash, or on credit, one piano stool and cover. Enquire of S. B. Crissey, postoffice block.

Feb. 19-dwif

Leases.—Private funds on farm lands.

Nov. 30-dwif. J. M. CROCKETT

Work Wanted.—I want a job of work; am a painter by trade, but am willing to do any kind of work.

Feb. 4-dwif

JOHN BLACKBURN, 10 Mason street.

Look! Look!—You can get Newport Ties at Barber & Baker's for \$1.00—former price, \$1.50.

Feb. 11-dwif

Great Bargains in Camer's Hair Oils at Linn & Scruggs.

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MARRIED.

On Wednesday morning, Feb. 19, 1878, at Priest's Hotel, by Justice J. L. Penke, Mr. ELIAS SNEEL and Miss ABRAHAM A. RICHMOND, all of Macon County, Shelby Co.

CITY ELECTION.

MAYOR.

WE are authorized to announce J. L. HAWORTH as a candidate for Mayor at the ensuing city election.

WE are authorized to announce J. A. MINCKLEY as a candidate for Mayor at the ensuing city election.

WE are authorized to announce J. W. SWARINGEN as a candidate for Mayor at the ensuing spring election.

MAJESTAL.

WE are authorized to announce JOSEPH R. WINEBRENNER as a candidate for city marshal.

WE are authorized to announce NORMAN PHILLIPS as a candidate for City Marshal at the approaching municipal election.

WE are authorized to announce the name of JOSEPH P. LEAKE as a candidate for City Marshal at the approaching municipal election.

WE are authorized to announce JOHN C. BROCKWAY as a candidate for City Marshal at the ensuing municipal election.

TREASURER.

ROBERT McLELLAND will be a candidate for city treasurer at the ensuing municipal election.

WE are authorized to announce J. A. McLELLAND as a candidate for City Treasurer.

WE are authorized to announce GEORGE W. LORING as a candidate for City Engineer, at the ensuing municipal election.

ALDERMEN.

WE are authorized to announce FRANK W. HAIDY as a candidate for Alderman in the second ward.

WE are authorized to announce PETER McLELLAND as a candidate for Alderman in the third ward.

WE are authorized to announce F. M. COX as a candidate for Alderman in the fifth ward.

WE are authorized to announce HENRY STAFFORD as a candidate for Alderman in the fourth ward.

WE are authorized to announce WM. H. BRAMBLE as a candidate for Alderman in the office of Alderman for the third ward.

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Miss Clara Smith, lately from "the old granite state," has accepted a position as saleswoman at Theo. A. Gehrmann's emporium of fashion.

A. F. Jannison, the jeweler, will occupy the room on Water street, south of Young & Norman's barber shop, after March 1st.

Theo. A. Gehrmann has donated a beautiful, costly and stylish bonnet, to be voted away at the fair for the benefit of the hospital, which opens at the tabernacle to-night.

D. L. Bunn and Eldridge & Hostetter had the floor in Justice Curtis's court this forenoon. It was a trial of the right of property.

Attorney E. S. McDonald and J. A. Merriweather called at this office this forenoon on business relating to the Grangers, they both being members of that military organization.

Mr. C. B. Prescott, the music man, leaves to-night for his old home, in Plattsburg, New York, where he will spend a couple of months visiting the friends and acquaintances of former years. During his absence his business will be attended to by Mr. A. H. Cox, who has been with him for the last three years.

Chas. J. Holt has returned from an extended temperance missionary trip to Chicago. Chapin & Gore's whisky advertisements still appear in the Chicago dailies, which indicates that there is still more work for Charley to perform in that benighted city. Charley says he had a splendid time, and has gained ten pounds.

An Exciting Trial.

This afternoon an immense crowd gathered at Justice Penke's office to hear the testimony in the case in which Houston Singleton and Eliza Charlton are charged with living together in a state of adultery. The case, though set for 1 o'clock, has not just been called as we go to press, and there is no guessing what the evidence in the case may disclose. States Attorney Buckingham appeared for the People, and W. C. Johns, Esq., for the defendant. After a few moments consultation between counsel, the case was continued by agreement to Tuesday of next week, at 2 o'clock p. m.

MACON COUNTY COURT.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14—AFTERNOON.  
Court convened at half past 1 o'clock. The following cases were disposed of:  
Wm. R. Van Hook vs. George Elliott; assumption; suit dismissed by plaintiff.  
Jesse L. Fenton vs. Chas. Cunningham; distress for rent. Suit dismissed by plaintiff.

John McDonald vs. Michael Featherhoff; distress for rent. Dismissed by plaintiff.

Wm. House vs. Jacob Seibert; appeal. Case continued.

Wm. R. Whitaker vs. George W. Shoemaker; assumption; trial by jury. Pending which court adjourned to 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19.  
Court convened at 8 o'clock a. m., and proceeded with business as follows:  
In the case of W. R. Whitaker vs. Geo. W. Shoemaker the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff in the suit at law with damages to the amount of \$330.83, and a verdict for defendant in the attachment case. Motion by plaintiff for new trial.

Roach & McKeenys vs. Michael Fisher et al.; assumption. Trial by court.

Geo. Leiby, surviving executor, &c., of Jacob Leiby, deceased, vs. Edward B. Eicholtz et al.; assumption. Defendant defaulted. Court assessed damages \$405.00. Adjudged to 11 o'clock p. m.

Clifford's Febrifuge.—Unfailing, infallible cure for all diseases originating in bilious derangements, caused by the malarious miasmatic countries. No preparation known possesses an eradicating power over this class of diseases at all comparable to Clifford's Febrifuge. It is the *ne plus ultra* of *Ague* remedies. Sure and safe in its action, its great power in neutralizing malarious influences is only equaled by its harmless action on the body. No disagreeable after effects from this remedy.

J. C. RICHARDSON, Prop'r, St. Louis. For sale by all druggists.

Feb. 15-dwif

New Dress Goods! New Cloaks! Skirts and all other seasonable articles, just received, in full assortment, by



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